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| <i>In re Application of:</i> | § | <i>Before the Examiner:</i> |
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| Duncan et al. | § | Thuan D. Dang |
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| <i>Serial No.:</i> 10/509,508 | § | <i>Group Art Unit No.:</i> 1797 |
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| | § | <i>Confirmation No.:</i> 4040 |
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| <i>For:</i> Preparation of Alkylaromatic | § | |
| Hydrocarbons and Alkylaryl | § | |
| Sulfonates | § | |

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated 11 July 2008, Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment and Reply ("Reply") under Section 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. In as much as this Reply is filed prior to expiration of the period for reply with or without extension of time, it should be deemed as filed timely. In the event an extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of the application, this is an express request for any such required extension of time and an authorization to charge any required fee, or to credit any overpayment, including but not limited to extension fees, to Deposit Account No. 05-1712.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.